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## FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE NAMES THREE ASSOCIATE DIRECTORS

Appointments of three new associate directors were announced today by the Interior Department's Fish and Wildlife Service--Merwin A. Marston, 56, for fish and wildlife management, Dr. F. Eugene Hester, 42, for research, and Kenneth E. Black, 52, for environment.

Service Director Lynn Greenwalt said that Marston, Hester, and Black "will bring experience and integrity to their extremely important positions, and the Service will benefit from their leadership."

Marston, who has been regional director in the Denver Office in charge of the Service's operations in 10 Western States, will now be responsible for the agency's fish and wildlife resource activities, as well as interpretation and recreation, animal damage control, and youth programs.

Marston joined the Service in 1949 and spent 14 years in the Northeast Regional Office at Boston, before moving to Washington to direct the Service's Division of Federal Aid for nine years. He attended the University of Maine, where he received a B.S. in 1939 and an M.S. in 1942 in wildlife conservation.

Dr. Hester has been acting assistant director for research since July 1973 and before that was chief of the Division of Fishery Research for two years.

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Dr. Hester's degrees are from North Carolina State University (B.S. in 1954 and M.S. in wildlife conservation and management in 1956) and Auburn University (Ph.D. in fisheries in 1959). He is a member of many professional and civic organizations, among them the American Fisheries Society and the Wildlife Society.

From 1963 to 1971, Dr. Hester headed the Service's cooperative fishery unit at North Carolina State University. He was a member of the zoology faculty at that school from 1959 to 1963.

Black, who has been with the Service since 1951, was named deputy assistant director for cooperative services in August 1971.

Most of Black's career has been spent in the field of water development. In 1959, he served on a special United States team assisting the Province of Manitoba in analyzing effects on fish and wildlife of the Grand Rapids hydroelectric project on the Saskatchewan River.

Black was a Congressional Fellow of the American Political Science Association in 1966-67 and is a member of the Wildlife Society and the American Fisheries Society.

He graduated from Washington State University in 1949 with a degree in wildlife management.

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